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A recipient of the Padma Bhushan and Magsaysay awards, she fought for self-employed women's rights for over five decades

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World faces uncertainty, India poised for better times: PM

Modi, Nirmala urge investors at GIM-2022 to bet on K'taka, believe in India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses delegates through video conference after virtually inaugurating the Global Investors Meet 2022, at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR B Y RAPS PIX

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE & ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

WHILE the world comes to terms with the impending strife of recession and other uncertainties, India has managed to carefully navigate through these troubled economic waters, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday in his virtual address after inaugurating the Global Investors Meet (GIM) 2022. "The world is in crisis, but experts have termed India as a bright spot," he said.

Elaborating on it, the PM said, "Last year, India witnessed a record FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) of $84 billion. We are continuously working on our fundamentals so that our economy strengthens."

Highlighting the way forward, the Prime Minister said, "There is a need to create a suitable environment for investment. Instead of making complex laws, there is a need to rationalise them for wider reach. New India can be built only through bold reforms, big infrastructure and best talent ... Now when the world is moving towards Industry 4.0, India's young talent has established over 100 unicorns. In the last eight years, the country has hosted over 80,000 startups. When it comes to talent and technology, the first thing in anyone's mind is 'Brand Bengaluru'. Karnataka has the power of the 'double-engine'."

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "There is definitely a sense of uncertainty and challenge. But that's not just for India. Every country around the world is feeling the headwinds. All are going through huge recessionary doubts. Technically, we are at the threshold of recession, but are not yet out of that situation."

The two harrowing years of the Covid-19 pandemic, followed by war in Ukraine, delivered devastating effects on the world economy. Recession has begun to make landfall in several developed economies, as is seen in the UK today.

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> The economy is now attractive for investors, and Karnataka has carefully reflected the policies of the Centre
>
> Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister

Learn from success story of 'Kantara': Goyal

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE & ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

KANNADA blockbuster 'Kantara' has taken the box office by a storm. The movie, running successfully across the globe, is being lauded for its storyline, direction, cinematography, and music.

The latest admirer of the movie is Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, who cited the 'Kantara' success story to industrialists and investors at the Global Investors Meet (GIM), which kicked off in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The Union minister said that 'Kantara', which beautifully captures the indigenous art forms and culture of Karnataka, was made with a modest budget of Rs 16 crore, and went on to earn Rs 300 crore in revenue. "I am sure the success of 'Kantara' has caught the attention of the captains of many companies here on how to get returns," he quipped.

Goyal recalled that the US commerce secretary recently expressed interest to visit Bengaluru and get a feel of Karnataka.

He added that during his recent visit to the US, innovators and industrialists with whom he was interacting, said that Bengaluru's name was synonymous with information technology, research and development, and the innovation sector.

Goyal pointed out to the investors that after learning about the investment plans of industrialists in Karnataka, and the way they want to expand their operations here, he was reminded of the success of 'Kantara'. This remark drew a big applause from the audience.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai during a visit to The New Indian Express office in Bengaluru on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Investments aimed at economic boost, jobs, future technology: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH the Global Investors' Meet (GIM) being held after a gap of six years, the 2022 edition has placed Karnataka in an enviable position in the background of global recessionary tendencies.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the man behind the GIM-2022, visited *The New Indian Express* office in Bengaluru on Wednesday, the opening day of the three-day event, and opened up to the editors with his ideas, objectives and his vision for a better, progressive Karnataka. In a freewheeling interaction, the CM said the investments in the state are aimed at boosting economic activities, generating employment and maintaining leadership in technologies. While several countries are feeling the heat, India, in particular Karnataka, are wooing investors worldwide to come and invest, and the state leaders are upbeat about future prospects for the state. Read the full interview appearing in our Sunday edition.

> Since the government is serious on the investments, even the investors must be equally serious
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

PROPOSALS TO BE CLEARED IN THREE MONTHS, SAYS CM: P4

Mother of 3 is J&K's first female e-rickshaw driver

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A housewife in Jammu has smashed the gender stereotype by becoming the first woman to drive an e-rickshaw in the militancy-hit J&K. Seema Devi — a mother of three teenagers — has been driving the rickshaw in Nagrota for four months.

"I took it up because my husband's earnings were meagre. I wanted to provide a decent living to my family and better education to my kids," she said.

Seema, who is in her mid-40s has a 15-year-old son and two daughters, aged 14 and 12.

"I and my husband took a loan of ₹30,000 and purchased the rickshaw on EMI of ₹3,000. My husband taught me how to drive. I felt if a woman can run a train and helicopter, why can't I drive a rickshaw? It motivated me," she said, adding she got inspired by women who are working in different fields.

Seema Devi with her e-rickshaw in Jammu on Wednesday | PTI

'Women feel safe in my e-rickshaw'

Seema says women feel safe while travelling in her rickshaw, adding that many trust her to drop and pick up girl students

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SINCE 1930
For pimples believe in science
SOAP
Can increase pimples
New Look
Himalaya
SINCE 1930
Purifying
Neem Face Wash
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Science says that soap* can increase pimples and Himalaya Purifying Neem Face Wash prevents pimples from reoccurring. Himalaya Purifying Neem Face Wash is clinically proven^. It has antibacterial goodness of neem and turmeric. It clears pimples and makes skin healthy^^. Moreover, it is trusted and loved by crores of Indians^^^ and backed by 90+ years of assurance from Himalaya.
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